

SENATE RESOLUTION 32

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Burchfield Elementary School upon receiving the National Title I Distinguished School Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to those schools that, through their extraordinary service to their students and to the surrounding community, have distinguished themselves as fine institutions, bringing credit to this great State; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy institution is Burchfield Elementary School, which was recently awarded the National Title I Distinguished School Award at the National Title I Conference in San Antonio, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Burchfield Elementary School received this prestigious national award as a result of its exemplary educational achievement; and

WHEREAS, Burchfield Elementary, which was recently recognized by the Tennessee Department of Education for testing in the top ten percent of the State, was one of seventy-four schools from across the United States to be honored at the National Title I Conference; and

WHEREAS, schools receiving the National Title I Distinguished School Award were selected based on a combination of the academic achievement of students and the creative, innovative programs that contribute to such success; and

WHEREAS, each year since 1996, Title I has honored a school in each state in two categories, one for closing the achievement gap between student groups, and the other for exceeding adequate yearly progress under the No Child Left Behind Act for two or more years; and

WHEREAS, the ten teachers from Burchfield Elementary who traveled to San Antonio, Texas, to represent the school were Mary Lyn Carson, Tonja Crabtree, Melanie Garrett,

Mashailla Golden, Lavon Griffith, Kate King, Pearlie Lowe, Emily Norris, Michelle Stephens, and John Watson; and

WHEREAS, they were accompanied by Scott County Director of Schools Sharon Wilson, Burchfield Principal Randy Shelton, Supervisor of Instruction Linda Keeton, and Scott County Federal Programs Director Duane Limburg; and

WHEREAS, in a Distinguished Schools video prepared by the Title I Conference, Burchfield was identified as being a school that provides the “values, knowledge, and skills for students to become valuable members in the community”; and

WHEREAS, the winning of this prestigious award would not have been possible without the talented and dedicated teachers of Burchfield Elementary, including Deanna Jeffers, Kathy McDonald, Rhonda Whitehead, Carla Wright, Carole Burke, Angela Hundley, Rachel Miller, Janet Buhaly, Sherry Miller, Brenda Chambers, Karren Shelley, Angela Shoemaker, Sam Cooper, Lisa Danner, Shannon Wright, Ashley Kidd, Tammie Henry, Heather Harness, Ashley Hawkins, Dan Terry, Susan Goss, Shay Newport, Vickie Mays, Latisha West, and Krystal Jones; and

WHEREAS, Burchfield Elementary School is an educational institution that sets an excellent example for all elementary schools and brings great pride to the State of Tennessee, and should be honored for its accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate the administration, faculty, staff, and students of Burchfield Elementary School for their many accomplishments and upon receiving the National Title I Distinguished School Award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.